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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Are LUND et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001_0396A
Filed April 19, 2001 :

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING
A FLOW OF FLUID HYDROCARBONS
CONTAINING WATER
[Corresponding to PCT/NO99/00293
Filed September 21, 1999]

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified new PCT application, kindly amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 3-10 and 14-18 as follows:

A 3.(Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that desired chemicals are added
upstream to the reactor.

4.(Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the flow of fluid hydrocarbons
is subjected to a mixing operating before introduction into the reactor to disperse the water present
as droplets in the fluid hydrocarbon phase.

Attachment "D"